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SUBJECT: UNGA - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CENTER ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

REF: USUN 4648 (NOTAL) AND USUN 4594

1. SECRETARIAT SOURCE ADVISED US NOVEMBER 15 THAT TASK FORCE
OF COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WILL CONSIDER PLO INSPIRED
DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CENTER ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
ON FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18. TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM SENEGAL, MALTA (REPORTER, BUT CURRENTLY
ABSENT), AFGHANISTAN, CUBA, GUINEA, INDIA, TUNISIA, GUYANA AND
PLO, THOUGH ONLY A FEW (SENEGAL, CUBA, INDIA) ARE ACTIVE ON
TASK FORCE.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH ARAB REPRESENTATIVES (EGYPT, SAUDI
ARABIA, LEBANON, AND UAE) IN RECENT DAYS, THERE IS LITTLE
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ENTHUSIASM FOR OPPOSING PLO PROPOSED CENTER RESOLUTION. ARAB GROUP
HAS NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY ADDRESSED THIS MATTER, IN PART BECAUSE
FINAL FORM OF RESOLUTION HAS NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN AGREED
UPON. HAGGAG (EGYPT) SAID HE HAD REPORTED CENTER PROPOSAL
TO GOVERNMENT IN CAIRO, BUT OTHER ARAB DELS APPARENTLY HAVE
NOT YET DONE SO. MODERATE ARABS HAVE NOT REP NOT RESPONDED
POSITIVELY TO OUR ARGUMENTS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER

WOULD BE INIMICAL TO THEIR BEST INTERESTS. THEY ARE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO PROPOSITION THAT ADVANCING CENTER PROPOSAL NOW MIGHT DETRACT FROM EFFORTS TO RECONVENE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AL-HUSSANIY (SAUDI-ARABIA), WHO UNAWARE OF RES, ADVISED THAT WE SHOULD IN TALKS WITH MODERATE ARAB REPS SUGGEST THEY PUT FORTH THE DELAY ARGUMENT AT ARAB GROUP MEETING. BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA), WHO ATTENDS ARAB GROUP MEETING FOR SAUDI ARABIA, SAID HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF CENTER PROPOSAL. AFTER OUR BRIEFING, HE SAID HE WOULD PUT FORWARD DELAY ARGUMENT WHEN CENTER PROPOSAL DISCUSSED AT ARAB GROUP MEETING, BUT HE ALSO OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF MONEY. CONSIDERING IMMENSE SIZE OF NEWS MEDIA IN US, CENTER OUTPUT WOULD BE DROP IN BUCKET.

3. FRG REP (WOLFGANG RUDOLPH) SAID NOVEMBER 16 THAT THOSE IN EC-9 WHO OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WERE ALSO TENDING TO OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE EC-9 WILL SIMPLY ABSTAIN IF AND WHEN CENTER RESOLUTION PRESENTED. EXPLAINED TO RUDOLPH US OPPOSITION TO CENTER, URGING THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER AT LEAST BE DELAYED UNTIL CLEAR WHETHER GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD BE RECONVENED - EVEN IF DELAY MEANT PUTTING PROPOSAL OVER TO 1978 UNGA. RUDOLPH SYMPATHETIC TO DELAY ARGUMENT AND AGREED TO URGE PLO REPS HERE TO RECONSIDER PUSHING CENTER PROPOSAL AT CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS TIME.

4. SIMILARLY DISCUSSED CENTER PROPOSAL NOVEMBER 16 WITH INDIAN REPS (RAMESH MULYE). MULYE ALSO BELIEVED DELAY ARGUMENT SENSIBLE AND AGREED TO DISCUSS WITH HIS AMBASSADOR (JAIPAL) WITH A VIEW TO URGING PLO AT FRIDAY'S TASK FORCE MEETING TO RECONSIDER PRESSING NOW FOR CENTER PROPOSAL.

5. ALSO BRIEFED UK REP (BATTISCOMBE) WHO ALSO AGREED IN HIS TALKS WITH ARAB TO URGE DELAY OF CENTER PROPOSAL.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS WITH CONCERNED DELS TO BLOCK OR TO DELAY PLO-PROPOSED DRAFT RES ON CENTER.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: AS DISCUSSED IN TELCON WITH DEPARTMENT, WE BELIEVE IT IS NOW TIME TO APPROACH CAPITALS ON THIS MATTER. WE SUGGESTED APPROACH BY APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICER TO DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS IN RESPECTIVE FONMINS MIGHT AT THIS POINT BE MOST EFFICACIOUS. EFFORT WOULD BE TO GET INSTRUCTIONS TO DELS HERE BEFORE FRIDAY MORNING

(NOVEMBER 18, TO DELAY, AT MINIMUM, CENTER PROPOSAL
UNTIL IT IS CLEAR WHETHER GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WILL
BE RECONVENED.
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